

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR RÉMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to November 9, 2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The title of the application was changed from "IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND 3D-SHAPE DISPLAYING PROGRAM" to "IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR POLYHEDRON SHAPED OBJECTS".

There are the following changes to the claim language:

Regarding claim 1, in line 4, replace "means" with --locations--. In line 11, replace "means" with --mechanism--. In line 12, replace "means" with --locations--. In line 13, replace "means" with --processing mechanism--. In line 18, replace "means" with --mechanism--.

Regarding claim 4, in line 2, replace "means" with --processing mechanism--.

Regarding claim 5, in line 4, replace "means" with --locations--. In line 12, replace "means" with --locations--.

Regarding claim 10, in line 14, replace "means" with --locations--.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Nusbaum on November 18, 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: References Arai et al., Hayes et al., Isaacs, Taubin, and Nishikawa are made of record as teaching related 3D graphic object and polyhedron processing methods. However, none of the prior art teaches or suggests "vector data defining a regular polyhedron which has a centroid at an arbitrary point in a space and each of whose faces is divided into a plurality of polygons and representing directions from the centroid toward vertices of the plurality of polygons, and for storing distance data for setting distances between the centroid and the vertices of the plurality of polygons" as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel F Hajnik whose telephone number is (703)-305-0544. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark K Zimmerman, can be reached on (703)-305-9798. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Zimmerman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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